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"Islands, Castles & Portable Operations"
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06/08/2009: Daniel, 9A/DK3CH is currently active from the island of Dugi Otok (EU-170, ACIA IC-367, CIA-10, IOCA CI-018, MIA MC-074, WLOTA L 2375) until August 12th. Expect activity on all HF bands, propagation permitting. QSLs via home call, direct or bureau. [DX Newsletter]

06/08/2009: Vini, IK2CIO will be active holiday style from Andorra using the callsign C31/IK2CIO between August 6-12th. QRV 160-6 meters, using CW and SSB. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [NG3K]

06/08/2009: Nick, VE3EY is currently active as FJ/VE3EY from the island of St. Barthelemy (NA-146, DIFO FJ-001, WLOTA L 0377) until August 9th. QRV 40-10 meters, possibly 80 meters also. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW. [VE3EY]

06/08/2009: A group of Greek hams will activate the Cape Dukato lighthouse (GLHA GRE-060, ARLHS GRE-060, TWLHD WLH SV-027, WLOTA 4140), located on Lefkas Island (GIOTA INS-035) between August 6-9th, using the special callsign J48LH. There will be a total of 3 stations on the air working CW and SSB around the clock. QSL via SV3DCX, direct or bureau. Check J48LH QRZ.com listing for updated info and pictures. [Southgate ARC]

06/08/2009: Boris, N3SY will be active as KL7/N3SY from the Denali National Park, Alaska, from August 6-15th. QRV 40-10 meters, Yaesu FT-100D, dipoles and MFJ-1622-Vertical 1.5m long. QSL via his home call (QRZ.com). [NG3K]

06/08/2009: Bronius/LY1CM, Gintautas/LY2GV and Tomas/LY3X plan to be active August 6-19th from several Lithuanian lighthouses as homecall/p. Information on the Lithuanian Lighthouses Award can be found at: qrz.lt/ly1cm/index_eng.htm [425 DX News]

07/08/2009: Al, CT1GPQ will active as 4W6AL from Dili, Timor Lorosae (OC-148, WLOTA 0019), between August 7th and October 3rd. QRV on 40, 30, 20 and 17 meter SSB, RTTY and preferably CW. Station setup: ICOM IC-706 MK2g, dipole for 40 and 30 meters and square loops for 20 and 17 meters. Pilot station and QSL manager will be Toze, CT1GFK. NOTE: This is NOT DX'pedition! CT1GPQ will be in Timor Lorosae with a Medical Team and radio operation will take place only during his spare time. Activity logs will be online (they will try daily) at algarvedx.com/ [Algarve STAR DX Team]

07/08/2009: A special event activation of Centenarian Kadalur Point lighthouse (ILLW IN0002, ARLHS IND-013), located on the West coast of India, will take place from August 7-16th, using the callsign AT8LHC. Look for activity on all bands and modes, propagation permitting. QSL via VU2JHM, direct or by the bureau. [VU2UR]

07/08/2009: The Air Mobile Radio Operator Society, ND3E will activate Reedy island (Not IOTA, USi DE-001, New Castle county), Delaware, plus Old Reedy Island lighthouse (ARLHS USA-568). QRV from 1700z August 7th to 1900z August 8th on 80, 40, 20 meters using CW, SSB and PSK31. DX can QSL via the Bureau. Others QSL direct to AE3J with SASE. [ARLHS]

07/08/2009: Members of the Valley of the Moon Amateur Radio Club will be active as N6P from the Point Reyes lighthouse (ARLHS USA-636, WW Loc. CM87LX), Marin County, California, August 7-9th. QSL via: W6AJF c/o K. McTaggart, 402 Fourth St E, Sonoma, CA 95476. [ARRL]

07/08/2009: Some members of The Michigan DX Association, W8DXI will be active August 7-8th from North Manitou island (USi MI-037L, Not IOTA), located in Lake Michigan, Leelanau county, State of Michigan. QRV Phone and CW on 80-10m, including WARC bands. There is the possibility of 6 meter activity (Grid EN65). QSL via W8DXI (QRZ.com). [USi]

07/08/2009: The Three Stars DX Group (www.3stardxgroup.cl/) will be active August 7-9th as XR6B from the Morro Bonifacio lighthouse (ARLHS CHI-103). They plan to operate on several bands SSB and CW. QSL via CE6AMN. [425 DX News]

08/08/2009: Operators Guang/BA8AG, Paul/BD7JSQ, Tang/BG4ENK, Pan/BD4QH, Jack/BA4ALC and Zheng/BA4EG will be active as BA7IO/4 from the island of Heng Sha (AS-136, WW Loc. PM01WI), Shanghai province, China, from August 8-17th. QSL via BA7IO, direct only. [rsgbiota.org]

08/08/2009: Michel/HB9DLO, Pierre-Yves/HB9OMI, and Pierre/HB9SMU will be active August 8-16th as DL/HB9LH from Lotseninsel Island [pilot Island, in English] (German Island Award: O-020, Not IOTA, WW Loc. JO54AQ), at the entrance to the Schlei Fjord. They will also activate the Schleim?nde Mole Head lighthouse (DLTD #45, ILLW DE0073, ARLHS FED-217). QRV 80-6 meters, using CW and SSB. QSL via HB9DLO, direct or bureau. [HB9DLO]

08/08/2009: Sven, ES1LBK will be active as ES1LBK/0 during the ES VUSHF Field Day (August 8-9th) from the S?rve lighthouse (ARLHS EST-013, WLOTA L-1401), on Saaremaa Island (EU-034). Equipment: TS-2000X barefoot, FT-847 barefoot; antennas: 50MHZ 5el yagi 5m agl; 144MHZ 14el DK7ZB 5m agl; 433MHZ 23el @ the top of a lighthouse if possible 55m asl; and 1,2GHZ 44el @ the top of a lighthouse if possible 56m asl. QSL via home call (QRZ.com). [DL8EBW]

08/08/2009: Fran?ois/F5JNE and Claude/F5MCC will be active August 8th from the Castle of the Comte de Segur (DFCF 77-179), located in the city of Lorrez le Bocage (CP 77710), canton of Lorrez le Bocage, (DDCF 77-16), Department Seine et Marne/77 and Province Ile de France (DPF 21). Starting 0600 UTC, 80/40m, CW/SSB. QSL via the bureau preferred and SWL cards are welcome. [F5NQL]

08/08/2009: Look for IW6ATQ/p, IW6DLY/p and IZ6PPU/p to be active from a couple of lighthouses Molo Faraneo North Head (WAIL MA-008, ARLHS ITA-229) and Molo Faraneo South (WAIL MA-009, ARLHS ITA-230) in Ancona, August 8-9th. They plan to operate SSB and digital modes on 10, 20 and 40 meters. QSL via home calls by the bureau. [425 DX News]

08/08/2009: JA6VDB/6, JE6AQP/6 plan to be active from the Goto Islands (AS-040) and will activate the following islands: Nozaki (JIIA AS-040-038), Ojika (JIIA AS-040-041) and Goto, JA6 Nagasaki prefecture. They will be on 40 through 15 meter CW and SSB from August 8-12th. QSL

via their home calls, direct or bureau. [JI6KVR]

08/08/2009: Steve, W7VOA will be active as T6AD from Kabul, Afghanistan, between August 8-22nd for the national election news reporting and QRV, when time permits, on 15, 20 and 40m CW (and maybe PSK) using 100w and a G5RV antenna. QSL via K2AU. Log will be uploaded to LOTW. [NG3K]

08/08/2009: The Cape Ann Amateur Radio Association (W1GLO) will be active as W1T from Thacher Island (NA-148, USi MA-001S, WLOTA 0924, WW Loc. FN42RP) on August 8th and 9th. They will activate the Thacher Island North lighthouse (ARLHS USA-1027, TWLHD WLH K-167) and the Cape Ann [Thacher Island South] lighthouse (ARLHS USA-105, TWLHD WLH K-031). Operators include AB1IV, AB2NJ, K1NKA, KR1G, WB1W, and WZ1B. QSL via W1GLO, direct only (QRZ.com). [USi]

09/08/2009: Operators Makoto/JI5RPT (JD1BLY) and Yoshihi/JO1LVZ (JD1BNF) will be active from Chichijima Island (IOTA AS-031, JIIA AS-031-003) between August 9-14th. Activity will be on 160-6 meters using the satellites, CW, SSB, Digi modes and 2m WSJT EME. QSL via their home callsigns. Log searches will be available on the following Web sites: JD1BLY: www.ji5rpt.com/jd1/ and JD1BNF: www.hattsan.com/ [OPDX Bulletin]

10/08/2009: Rachid, 3B8FQ will activate St. Brandon island (AF-015) as 3B7FQ again from Ausust 12th through the end of the month and possibly a few extra days in early September. Look for him on all bands, 30 through 10 meters, although Rachid expects 40 and 20 meters to be most productive. He will use both CW and SSB, as conditions allow. Operating time will be shared with his primary mission of performing maintenance on the island's meteorological equipment. He expects to use the island's G5RV and a vertical with a 100 watt transceiver powered by a 12 volt battery that will be charged daily. Rachid likes to use "the 8s" whenever possible on CW. Here are his anticipated frequencies: CW - 7.008, 10.108, 14.008, 18.078, 21.008, 24.898 and 28.008 MHz; SSB - 7.050, 14.191, 18.141, 21.241, 24.941, 28.491 MHz. If future plans come together, Rachid may operate from 3B9 sometime after his return, and hopes to operate from 3B6 again in November. QSL via K5XK, direct preferred. [K1XN]

10/08/2009: Henk/PA3FMC and Ruud/PE1BTV and Hans/PH0V will be active August 10-18th as LA/homecall from Utvaer island (EU-055, WLOTA L-2373, WW Loc. JP21GA). LA/PE1BTV and LA/PH0V QRV on VHF-MS from JP21GA and LA/PA3FMC on HF. RIG: 500W, 9el. 144.380 MHz - same location as 2 years ago. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. [DL8EBW]

10/08/2009: Plamen, LZ3FM plans to activate the Biosphere Reserve Kamchia (LZFF-011) during his holiday between August 10-20th. Callsign to be used will be either LZ01WFF/2 or LZ3FM/2. Equipment will be IC-746 plus a 4-band GP and dipole antennas. Activity will be on HF + 6m, mainly CW with some SSB. QSL via LZ1PJ, direct or by the Bureau. E-mail requests for Bureau cards are accepted (via lz1pj at bfra.org). Write QSO details and callsign worked, since Ivan, LZ1PJ, manages other callsigns too. PLEASE NOTE: LZ01WFF is used for activation for other WFF references by other operators. Ivan, LZ1PJ, will manage this activation only. For other activations listen to operator's instructions. [LZ1PJ]

10/08/2009: Peter, ON3WAB will be active as M6ONL/p August 10-15th from the Lake District in northern England. He will activate different SOTA (www.sotawatch.org/) summits and WAB (www.worked-all-britain.co.uk/) squares. Frequencies will be 7032, 10118 kHz CW and 3666, 7118, 14265 kHz SSB (+/- QRM) and band conditions. If weather allows he will try PSK31 as well. Equipment: Icom 703 and Rybackov Vertical 10m long. QSL is ok via bureau or direct to ON3WAB. [UBA HF News]

10/08/2009: Janusz OY/SP6IXF and Mek OY/SP7VC will be operating from the Faroe Islands (EU-018) from August 10-16th. They will be located in IP61 grid square. They plan to operate on 160-2 meters. The 2 meter operation includes meteor scatter (random) FSK441 in Preseides. The HF antenna system will be Spiderbeam, R7 vertical, Inverted L (160 and 80m) and RX beverages. The 6m antenna will be 6 el Yagi and finally 2M5WL Yagi on 2 meters. Power amplifiers will be used on all bands. Mek SP7VC is also going to operate as SP7VC/MM durign their way on a ferry from Denmark via Shetlands to Faroe Islands. Mek will be using IC-706, 4 el. Yagi 2m and vertical on 6m and is going to activate marine squares JO 37,27,17,18,19,09 and IP 80,81,71. QSL cards via their home calls, direct or by the Bureau. [SP5UAF]

11/08/2009: Gerard/F2VX and Yanick/F6FYD, will sign 4J/HC from Azerbaijan, August 11-29th. QRV mainly HF SSB. QSL via HC, direct (sae + postage) or via the French Ref-Bureau. [F5NQL]

11/08/2009: Andre, F5TBL will be active on August 11th (1200-1600 UTC), as F8KFE/P, from the Cap Levi lighthouse (ARLHS FRA-080, DPLF PB-085 for the Franch Onshore Lighthouses award), located in the city of Fermanville (CP 50840), Department Manche/50 and Province Basse-Normandie (DPF 04). QSL via operator information. [F5NQL]

12/08/2009: Dana/VE1VOX and Don/VE1AOE will be active from Welsh Island (NA-154, new CIsA) August 12-16th with the call VC1W. Operation will be from two stations and more ops may be joining the expedition as the date approaches. This is a remote island and weather may affect the actual dates. QSL manager is VE3EXY, direct or bureau. [VE1VOX]

14/08/2009: Terry, G4MKP will be active from Tsada village (near Pafos) on the island of Cyprus (AS-004, MIA MCI-002, WLOTA L-0051) from August 14-25th using the callsign 5B/G4MKP. QRV 80-10 meters, mainly CW. QSL via M0URX, direct or bureau. [NG3K]

14/08/2009: Members of the 'Sodertorns Radioamatorer' (SK0QO) will once again be active as 7S0SFJ from the Museum Lightship No. 25 Finngrundet (ILLW SE-0013, ARLHS SWE-043), in Stockholm, Sweden, during the ILLW activity August 15-16th. The club will put their double dipoles up for 80/40m and 30/17m as well as their dipole for 20m up Friday evening, August 14th, and will be active until Sunday, early afternoon. Rigs: FT-2000, TS-680, IC-706. Activity will be on 80-17m SSB and CW (Hans, SM0BYD, mainly on 30/17m). QSL via SM0BYD or SK0QO, bureau preferred. [OPDX Bulletin]

14/08/2009: Members of the Radio Club Uruguayo will be using the special callsign CW1R from the Punta del Este Lighthouse (ILLW UY0005, ARLHS URU-008, WW Loc. GF25MA) during the upcoming International Lighthouse/Lightship Weekend between August 14-16th. Activity will be on 80-15 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. They will have at least two stations on the air. This will be the first activation of Punta del Este Lighthouse. QSLs for this activity are only DIRECT to:

Radio Club Uruguayo, P.O.Box 37, 11000, Montevideo, URUGUAY, SOUTH AMERICA (w/SAE and 1 new IRC or 2 green stamps). [OPDX Bulletin]

14/08/2009: Steve, G0UIH will be active from Piel Island (EU-005, CU-005 for English Islands) as homecall/p from August 14-16th. This Island is the "Jewel in the Crown" of the Islands of Furness. The Island has a history going back to the 11th Century. Expect activity on all HF bands. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [rsgbiota.org]

14/08/2009: The Caribbean Amateur Radio Group (WP4CRG) will be active as W4L from the Arecibo Lighthouse (ARLHS PUR-001, TWLHD WLH KP4-001), Puerto Rico (NA-099, USi PR-006S, WLOTA L-2802) from 1200z August 14th to 2359z August 23rd, including the International Lighthouse/Lightship Weekend (August 15-16th). They will operate voice and a station using SSTV on 20 meters. Frequencies: 7.150, 14.225, 18.122 and 28.350 MHz. QSL direct to: CARG, PO Box 140031, Arecibo, PR 00614-0031. [N8OFS]

14/08/2009: Jose/PY6HD, Beto/PY6RT and Nilzo/PY6AWU will be active August 14-16th as ZZ6Z from Itaparica Island (SA-023, DIB BA-02). QRV 80, 40, 20, 17, 15 and 10 meter, SSB only. QSL via PY6HD, direct, LoTW or bureau. [PY6HD]

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LOOKING AHEAD -

15/08/2009: Members of Sands Amateur Radio Contest Group will be operating a number of special event stations on Saturday 15th August to celebrate Galloways Society for the Blind "The 25th Anniversary of the Cross Bay Walk" led by Queens Guide Cedric Robinson MBE. The walk generally takes around 3 hours and needs The Queens Guide to navigate between Arnside and Kents Bank safely because of the quicksands around the bay that have taken many lives over the years. The first appointment was in 1536. Cedric is the 25th appointed Queen's Guide to the Sands, Cedric a local fisherman has been leading the walks since 1963. The callsigns to listen out for are: GB2GSB located at Arnside Knott which overlooks Arnside and a good part of the walk; M0SCG/M will be operating from the tractor which follows the walkers and can be used if anybody becomes too exhausted or ill during the walk; and GB4GSB Located at the end of the walk at Kents Bank. A special certificate is on offer for amateurs and SWLs who work any of the stations. To obtain a certificate an A4 SAE and a cheque for ?2.50 made out to SARCG should be sent to our QSL Manager: Ian Maude (G0VGS), 21 Colwyn Avenue, Bare, Morecambe, Lancs LA4 6EQ, England - U.K. Once printing costs are covered, any money left over will be donated to Galloways Society for the Blind.
[Pete's-DX-Newsdesk]

15/08/2009: Bittern DX Group members will be active as GB2BML from the Blakeney Mariners Light (ILLW UK0084, ARLHS ENG-292 [Historic], WW Loc. JO02MW38ah), located in Blakeney, county of Norfolk, England (EU-005, WLOTA L-1841), during the International Lighthouse/Lightship Weekend (August 15-16th). QRV all HF bands SSB, CW, RTTY, SSTV AND PSK31, and 2M FM/SSB. QSL via M0CNP, direct or Bureau. [Bittern DX Group]

15/08/2009: The Border Rievers ARS will be activating the St Mary's Lighthouse (ILLW UK0021, ARLHS ENG-145, BARLS A2748Y, TWLHD WLH G-026), located on St. Mary's island (EU-011, WLOTA L-0408), Whitley Bay, North Tyneside (WAB: NZ37) for the International Lighthouse/Lightship Weekend (August 15-16th). Look for them to be active on all HF bands/modes. QSL via the RSGB Bureau, or M1DZT direct. [Border Rievers ARS]

15/08/2009: Dave, G4IAR along with Judith, G4IAQ will be activating Hodbarrow Sea Wall lighthouse (ILLW UK0090, Admiralty A4819, ARLHS ENG-200, WAB SD17), Cumbria, England (EU-005, WLOTA L-1841), during the International Lighthouse/Lightship Weekend (ILLW) (August 15-16th). They also hope to activate Hodbarrow Sea Wall [Old] (ILLW UK0091, Admiralty A4819Y, WAB SD17) while there, but that will have to be as G4LAB (the Leicestershire WAB Group club call). QSL via G4IAR, direct or bureau. [G4IAR]

15/08/2009: Operators Francois/ON4LO, Bernard/ON5GQ, Kurt/ON4CB, and Peter/ON6HP will be active as OR9W during the International Lighthouse/Lightship Weekend (ILLW) (August 15-16th) from the Lightship Westhinder I (ILLW BE0004, ARLHS BEL-026, WW Loc. JO21EE). QRV on 80, 40 and 20 meter SSB. QSL via the bureau, or direct to ON4CB. [UBA HF News]

15/08/2009: The following lighthouses will be active from Turkey during the International Lighthouse/Lightship Weekend (ILLW) (August 15-16th): TC99Y will be QRV from the Bozburun Lighthouse in Yalova (ILLW-TR0005, WW Loc. KN40JM); TC99K will be QRV from Yelkenkaya Lighthouse (ILLW-TR0006, ARLHS TUR-054, WW Loc. KN40QS) in Kocaeli; and TC1LHW, a TCSWAT classic, will also be on the air from the Karaburun Lighthouse (ILLW-TR0002, ARLHS TUR-036, WW Loc. KN41II) on the Black Sea coast. Activity will be mainly on HF SSB, VHF-UHF FM. QSL TC99K and TC99Y via TA1HZ (Special Commemorative Station for 1999 Marmara earthquake). QSL TC1LHW via TA1FR. www.tcswat.org/ [F5NQL]

20/08/2009: A group of LZ WFF enthusiasts (5 to 10 operators), plan to activate the Biosphere Reserve "Steneto" (LZFF-017) in the National Park "Central Balkan" (LZFF-001) between August 20-24th. QRV on all HF bands, 6 and 2 meters, using CW and SSB, from mountain hut "Dermenka" - 1504 meters a.s.l. (WW Loc. KN22IR). QSL via LZ1ZF, direct or bureau. Further info to follow. [LZ1ZF]

22/08/2009: Ric, DL2VFR will be active as OZ0FR/p from Sams? Island (EU-172, DIA JY-008, WLOTA 0726) between August 22nd and September 4th. QRV all HF bands, mostly CW. QSL via DL2VFR, bureau or direct. [rsgbiota .org]

22/08/2009: Tom/KB2URI and John/KC2HMZ will be activating and qualifying (hopefully) Beaver Island (USi NY-045, Not IOTA, Erie County), located in the Niagara River, State of New York, from 1500z August 22nd to 0000z August 23rd or later, as conditions permit (Basically Band conditions, and how late the State Park people will let us stay). They will use the Amateur Radio Association of the Tonawandas Club call W2SEX. Operation will focus on both 20M Phone and PSK31, under a 2R2O operation, with possible operations on other bands and modes (and perhaps a few more operators). W2SEX will happily eQSL via USI's eQSL system or eQSL.cc However we ask that because of our limited resources those wishing to obtain a physical card send a SASE with their card to our PO Box address. More information will be available on the ARATS Website as operation time grows closer. [USi]

22/08/2009: The Tri-County Amateur Radio Club of North Texas, WC5C will activate Goat island (USi TX-060, Not IOTA, Tarrant County), located in Lake Worth, Texas, on August 22nd (1400z-2200z, maybe 0500z). A commemorative QSL card will be dispatched to all contacts acknowledging them as remote participants in the first activation of Goat Island. QRV mainly be on 20M and 40M SSB, but they will QSY to accomodate stations on other HF bands or modes. PSK31, SSB and CW modes will be available.

QSL via WC5C (QRZ.com). [USi]

28/08/2009: This time, J42ARET in men's style DXpedition, will be QRV as SX8DI from one of the Drenia islands from August 28-31st. These are 6 uninhabited islands, four of them are rocky, and are between Ammouliani Island and Ouranoupoles, the last city before the Monasteries of Mount Athos. Administratively, Ammouliani and Drenia Islands, are part of the municipality of Stagira-Akanthos. Their base camp will be established on Penna Island (EU-174, GIOTA NAS-045, WLOTA 2124, WW Loc. KN10XH). The group also plan to activate the lighthouse on Frini Island as SX8DI/LH. Operators include Demetrius/SV2GWY Angelo/SV2GWR, Cleanthis/SV2XI, Dimitris/SV7HRJ, Nick/SV7HVI, Themistokles/SW2HQF and Nikos/SW2HVD. Activity will include HF, VHF and UHF, all modes, using Icom IC-7000 (3), Yaesu FT-897 (3), Kenwood TS480HX (1), TH-D700 (1). Antennas: Homebrew Discone 80m~2m, SpiderBeam 5B HD (1), 12m Vertical+GRK (2), 30m Delta loop (1), 82m OCF dipole (1), 30m kite Antenna (1), 5el.VHF SSB Yagi SSB (1), Diamond X-50 VHF FM (1). Power: 30A Alinco (5), Fuel Generator 5,5kVA (1), 3.5kVA (1), AC Stabilizer 5kVA (2), 12VDC/55Ah PdO (2). QSL cards via the bureau, eQSL or direct (enclose 1IRC or 2GSs + SAE) to SV2GWY. Further information and log search can be found at: sx8di.blogspot.com/ [SV2GWY]

29/08/2009: The Tri-County Amateur Radio Club, WC5C will activate Pelican Island (USi TX-050, Not IOTA, Tarrant County), located in Eagle Mountain Lake, Texas, on August 29th (1400z-2200z). Club members will travel to the island by boat, kayak and canoe. QSL via WC5C (QRZ.com). [USI]

04/09/2009: Look for Juergen, NF6J to be active as VO2/NF6J from Battle Island (NA-044, CIsA NF-049) between 1300z September 4th to 2300z September 11th. QRV 30, 20 and 15 meters, CW only. QSL via DL7RV, direct or bureau. [rsgbiota.org]

05/09/2009: RESCHEDULED - Cezar, VE3LYC plans to operate as VY0O from the Ottawa Islands (NA-230, new one) for three full days between September 5th to 8th. Specific island's name and exact dates are not available at this time, but they will be announced a few days in advance of the operation. This will be Cezar's most difficult operation to date. The islands are 12-14 hours away from shore and transportation requires a large boat. Traditionally unstable weather pattern, unknown local landing conditions, high seas, the presence of ice chunks in Hudson Bay, potential presence of polar bears, all these and other logistical aspects make this trip extremely challenging. At this time Cezar seeks group and individual donors who understand and appreciate the difficult and expensive task ahead and are willing to be part of this effort. "Past support from EU stations has been disproportionate with their QSO demand (45% of QSOs but only 25% support for VY0A)", he says, but hopefully this situation will improve. [425 DX News & VE3LYC]

10/09/2009: Look for Frank, DK5FT to be active as CT8/DK5FT from the island of Sao Miguel (EU-003, DIP AZ-002, WLOTA 2016), September 10-22nd. Expect activity on all bands/modes, propagation permitting. QSL via home call, bureau preferred. [rsgbiota.org]

19/09/2009: The Tri-County Amateur Radio Club, WC5C will activate Greer Island (USi TX-058, Not IOTA, Tarrant County), located in Lake Worth, Texas, on September 19th (1400z-2200z). Club members will travel to the island by boat, kayak and canoe and by foot across a causeway. QSL via

WC5C (QRZ.com). [USI]

26/09/2009: Dave, AH6HY will be active holiday style from the island of St. Eustatius (NA-145, WLOTA L 1851) from September 26th to October 1st. QRV 40-10 meters, mostly SSB with some CW. QSL via home call, bureau or direct. [NG3K]

29/12/2009: Wally/VK6YS and Nigel/VK6NI plan to activate Robertson Island, in the Pelsaert group (OC-211, WW Loc. OG71AC) as VK6YS between December 29, 2009 and January 4, 2010. They are looking for up to two operators to join them. Please contact Wally at vk6ys at iinet.net.au if you are interested, for more information. Further information closer to the expediton date. Web site at: www.westozdx.net/ [rsgbiota.org]

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SPECIAL EVENTS -

08/08/2009: Look for special event station 8J3YS to be active on all bands/modes from August 8th to November 8th to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Yasu-city, Shiga prefecture, Honshu (AS-007, JIIA AS-007-001, WLOTA 2376), Japan. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

08/08/2009: Special event station 8J8WA will be aired on all bands/modes from August 8th to September 8th to celebrate the 22nd All Japan Health and Welfare Festival in Sapporo(-city), Hokkaido(-pref), Hokkaido (AS-078, JIIA AS-078-001, WLOTA 2967), Japan. QSL via the JARL Bureau. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

08/08/2009: The Formula 1 Spanish Grand Prix will take place in Valencia. Look for the following special callsigns to be active from August 8th to 23rd: AM5FUV (Op Juan, EC5BZR), AO5FUV (Op Pepe, EA5UB), AN5FUV (Op Vincent, EB5GGB), EG5FUV (Op Jose, EA5FL) and EH5FUV (Op Nando, EA5GVZ). They will be active mainly on the HF bands. A special award will be issued to those who will make at last 3 QSO's with 3 different stations. QSL Manager will be Jose, EA5FL. All QSOs confirmed direct or bureau. Further information can be found at QRZ.com. [F5NQL]

08/08/2009: On the weekends of 8 and 9, the 22 and 23 August, Marches Amateur Radio Society will be operating GB1SSB from the Old Racecourse, Oswestry to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the first British amateur station to use SSB. The station belonged to H Woodhead, G2NX, who resided in the Oswestry area. The adoption of SSB was one of the greatest technical advances in amateur radio since the arrival of the superheterodyne receiver. GB1SSB will be operational on HF, VHF and UHF on phone and, hopefully, PSK31. QSL via the RSGB bureau. [GB2RS]

08/08/2009: The Norman Lockyer Observatory Amateur Radio Group will be on the air Saturday 8 August 2009 in support of the South West Astrofair, which is being run by the Norman Lockyer Observatory in Sidmouth, Devon, England (EU-005, WLOTA 1841, WAB SY18, WW Loc. IO80JQ). The demonstration station will use the permanent NoV callsign of GB2NLO and will be operational on 160m, 80m, 40m and 20m using SSB, CW, PSK31 and SSTV as appropriate between 0900 and 1800 UTC. There will also be demonstrations of satellite communications on 2m and 70cm. The aim is to demonstrate amateur radio to all visitors, encourage new entrants to the hobby and to make as many local and DX contacts as possible. Passing of greetings messages will, hopefully, be a feature. QSL via the RSGB bureau. See www.gb2nlo.org/ for details. [GB2RS]

09/08/2009: Special callsign 8N7IOTA will be active on all HF bands/modes from August 9th to September 30th to celebrate Sendai(-city) & Miyagi prefecture Elegant Travel Campaign, Honshu (AS-007, JIIA AS-007-001, WLOTA 2376), Japan. (IOTA: Izushima Island, Ohshima Island, Tashirojima Island and Ajishima Island). QSL via the JARL bureau. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

09/08/2009: Members of the Bittern DX Group will be active August 9th using the special callsign GB2CLB for Cromer Lifeboat Day, in Cromer, Norfolk, England (IOTA EU-005, WLOTA 1841). QSL via M0CNP, direct or by the RSGB Bureau. [Bittern DX Group]

09/08/2009: Norfolk County RAYNET will be operational on Sunday 9 August with a Special Event Station, GB4NCR, from Walcott in Norfolk, England (EU-005, WLOTA 1841). Operations will be on 2m and 80m SSB with a primary frequency of 3.663MHz. Note that 40 will be used if 80m isn't open. QSL cards are available and can be send either via the Bureau or direct to G4PSH with a stamped self-addressed envelope. During this event, Exercise Sea Spray will take place in cooperation with the local community and Flood Wardens for this area. [GB2RS]

13/08/2009: Members of Ternopil Amateur Radio Club will use special callsign EM360B between August 14-18th, to mark the 360th anniversary of historical battle near the city of Zboriv. QSL via UY5BC. [OPDX Bulletin]

13/08/2009: Operators Tom/WY3H and his son Ethan/W3IRS, and also John/K3WWP will operate N3AQC (NAQCC and FISTS Club Station) as a special event station on August 13th from the USS Requin [sand shark] (SS/SSR/AGSS/IXSS-481, Tench-class submarine), which is dry-docked in the Alleghney River in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Their operating times will be roughly between 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (+/- a few minutes) EDT (1400z-1800z). A special QSL card will be sent to all contacts. Operation will be on 20 and 40 meters, only in the CW portion of the bands, of course. History: The Requins' keel was laid down on 24 August 1944 by the Portsmouth Navy Yard in Kittery, Maine. She was launched on 1 January 1945 sponsored by Mrs. Slade D. Cutter, and commissioned on 28 April 1945 with Commander Slade D. Cutter in command. Initially, Requin carried heavier armament than usual for a fleet submarine, perhaps because Commander Cutter was one of the most decorated submarine skippers going to sea. She had an additional five-inch/25-caliber deck gun, as well as two 24-tube five-inch (127 mm) rocket launchers, which were intended to be used to provide offshore bombardment during Operation Downfall, the planned invasion of Kyushu and Honshu. [NAQCC]

14/08/2009: Members of Ternopil Amateur Radio Club will use special callsign EM360B between August 14-18th, to mark the 360th anniversary of historical battle near the city of Zboriv. QSL via UY5BC. [OPDX Bulletin]

U.S.A. Special event station information can be found at:
www.arrl.org/contests/spev.html
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LIGHTHOUSE CALENDAR -

ARLHS International Lighthouse-Lightship WEEK (ILLW)
August 01-09, 2009 - list of participants: illw.org/9-list.html

International Lighthouse-Lightship Weekend (ILLW)
August 15-16, 2009 - list of participants: illw.net/2009_list.htm

06/08-09/08 J48LH: WLH:SV-027, GRE-060, WLOTA 4140 QSL SV3DCX (d/b)
06/08 TK8B: WLOTA 0755 QSL F8BBL (d/b)
07/08-03/10 4W6AL: WLOTA 0019 QSL CT1GFK (d/b)
07/08-16/08 AT8LHC: ILLW:IN0002, IND-013 QSL VU2JHM (d/b)
07/08-09/08 N6P: USA-636 QSL N6KM (d)
07/08-14/08 TK/F8BBL/QRP: WLOTA 0098 QSL HC (d/b)
08/08-08/11 8J3YS: WLOTA 2376 QSL JARL Buro
08/08-08/09 8J8WA: WLOTA 2967 QSL JARL Buro
08/08-09/08 C4I: WLOTA 0051 QSL LZ2HM (d/b)
08/08-16/08 DL/HB9LH: DLTD:#45, ILLW:DE0073, FED-217 QSL HB9DLO (d/b)
08/08-09/08 ES1LBK/0: EST-013, WLOTA 1401 QSL HC (d)
08/08-09/09 GB1SSB: WLOTA 1841 QSL RSGB Buro
08/08 GB2RAF: WLOTA 1841 QSL QRZ.com
08/08-09/08 IW6ATQ/P: WAIL:MA-008, ITA-229 QSL HC (d/b)
08/08-09/08 IW6DLY/P: WAIL:MA-008, ITA-229 QSL HC (d/b)
08/08-09/08 IZ6PPU/P: WAIL:MA-008, ITA-229 QSL HC (d/b)
08/08-09/08 IW6ATQ/P: WAIL:MA-009, ITA-230 QSL HC (d/b)
08/08-09/08 IW6DLY/P: WAIL:MA-009, ITA-230 QSL HC (d/b)
08/08-09/08 IZ6PPU/P: WAIL:MA-009, ITA-230 QSL HC (d/b)
08/08-09/08 W1T: WLH:K-167, USA-1027, WLOTA 0924 QSL W1GLO (d)
08/08-09/08 W1T: WLH:K-031, USA-105, WLOTA 0924 QSL W1GLO (d)
09/08-30/09 8N7IOTA: WLOTA 2376 QSL JARL Buro
09/08 GB4NCR: WLOTA 1841 QSL RSGB Buro
10/08-18/08 LA/PA3FMC: WLOTA 2373 QSL HC (d/b)
10/08-18/08 LA/PE1BTV: WLOTA 2373 QSL HC (d/b)
10/08-18/08 LA/PH0V: WLOTA 2373 QSL HC (d/b)
11/08 F8KFE/P: DPLF:PB-085, FRA-080 QSL Op's Info
11/08 TK8B: WLOTA 0098 QSL F8BBL (d/b)
14/08-25/08 5B/G4MKP: WLOTA 0051 QSL M0URX (d/b)
14/08-16/08 7S0SFJ: ILLW:SE-0013 SWE-043 QSL SM0BYD (b)
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SIX METERS & UP -

Perseid Meteor Outburst -
This year's Perseid meteor shower could be even better than usual.

According to NASA's Meteoroid Environment Office, a filament of comet dust has drifted across Earth's path and when Earth passes through it, sometime between 0800 and 0900 UT (1 - 2 am PDT) on August 12th, the Perseid meteor rate could surge to twice its normal value.

Check spaceweather.com/ for details and observing tips.

Perseids on your iPhone:
Spaceweather.com is pleased to announce a new iPhone/iPod application dedicated to the upcoming Perseid meteor shower. It features a Perseid countdown clock, news alerts, an easy-to-use sky map, and a live gallery of photos from around the world. Sky watchers of all types will find it a valuable companion when the shower peaks later this month.

Learn more: spaceweather.com/perseids

Download the app:
itunes.apple.com/WebObjects/MZStore.woa/wa/viewSoftware?id=325305245&mt=8

06/08-12/08 C31/IK2CIO: Grid:JN02 6M 100w CW/SSB QSL HC (d/b)
07/08-08/08 W8DXI/P: SES Grid:EN65 6M SSB/CW QSL QRZ.com
08/08-16/08 DL/HB9LH: Grid:JO54AQ 6M 100w QSL HB9DLO (d/b)

08/08-09/08 N9SS: Grid:DN63,64,65,66 area 6-2m 100w QSL HC (d/b)
09/08 W1BIM: SES Wendell State Forest 50.250USB QSL KB1OUW
(d)
09/08 W1BIM: SES Sudbury Fire Tower 50.250USB QSL KB1OUW (d)
10/08-18/08 LA/PE1BTV: Grid:JP21GA VHF-MS 500w 9ele QSL HC (d/b)
10/08-18/08 LA/PH0V: Grid:JP21GA VHF-MS 500w 9ele QSL HC (d/b)
10/08-16/08 OY/SP6IXF: Faroes Grid:IP61 6-2m QSL HC (d/b)
10/08-16/08 OY/SP7VC: Faroes Grid:IP61 6-2m QSL HC (d/b)
13/08-17/08 N2Y: SES Grid:FN22RF 50.130 & 144.205MHz QSL KC8SKK (d)

GOT6??? - Six Meter Information by Andy 'NEON' Sargent N8OFS at:
http://noars.net/got6/GOT6.txt (Updated August 06, 2009)
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US COUNTY HUNTING - USA-CA

N7JPF - Paul - Aug. 7 to Aug. 7 - SSB Only
Friday Morning, and mid-afternoon (PT) August 7, 2009 WA: Kittitas,
Grant, Adams, Lincoln, Spokane. ID: Kootenai, Bonner, Boundary. SSB, 20
meters only this trip. QSL via home call. [County Hunter Web]

WA4UNS - Doug - 2* - 8/8/2009 to 8/9/2009 - SSB Only
Heading to Nags Head for vacation... will run counties in Southeast
North Carolina:
8/8 - Montgomery, Anson, Richmond, Moore, Hoke, Scotland, Robeson,
Cumberland.
8/9 - Sampson, Bladen, Columbus, Brunswick, New Hanover, Pender, Duplin,
Onslow, Jones, Craven.
8/10 - Will mostly likely continue to Nags Head on southside of
Albemarle Sound running when I can.
All runs will be on 40M SSB and may run on 20M SBB off frequency if time
and route permit.
Return trip (8/16) will be via the Triangle and Triad areas with
definite runs in Greene and Wilson. QSL via home call. [County Hunter
Web]
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QSL INFORMATION -

TK8B - Corsica
Laurent has uploaded his log at:
www.dx-cw.net/logsearch/logsearch.php

CR2F, CR2W, CR2N are on QRT now!
After 3 different calls, 2 DX'peditions, 1 Contest and more than 7000
QSOs, all team return home.
All 3 logs ore online on: algarvedx.com/logonline
CR2F - Lighthouse DX'pedition
CR2W - IOTA Contest
CR2N - Natural Reserve DX'pedition
73's Algarve STAR DX Team

QSLs received Bureau - 9X0R, D68BT, DL2RVL/HI9, T88IW and VK9DWX.

QSLs received Direct - 3XY5M (via PA7FM), AT9RS (via W3HNK), H6VA (via
YN4SU), JD1BMM (via QRZ.com), PZ5WP (via PA7FM), S92LX (via DK7LX), T47C
(via W3HNK), V63MY [OC-259] (via OM2SA), ZC4TS (via NI5DX), ZF2ZB (via
K9WZB) and ZY0F (via PY2WAS).

QSLs received LoTW - AD4EB, H2Q, HI3A, M0BJL, K4RO, KH7Q, KM1X, N0AV, N7BV, S50HQ and W4PM.
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SILENT KEYS -

Recently reported Silent Keys include Jim MacDougall, VE1AUJ of Glace Bay, Nova Scotia; Elias Desson, VE3PI of Ottawa, Ontario; Dave Roberts, VE6XY of Grand Prairie, Alberta; Jack E. Francis, W7JAK of Clovis, California; William R. Word "Ray", KB6CEG of Twain Harte, California.
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BITS & PIECES -

RSGB Convention program published -
The program for the RSGB Convention at Wyboston in October has now been published.
http://www.rsgb.org/rsgbconvention/events_programme.php
It shows the new VHF and Up stream with a full schedule of talks on the Saturday and the Sunday.
We have arranged the VHF and Up timetable so that visitors will get a full day on either day or of course can come for both days.
Neil, G3RIR
Reg, G8VHI
Organisers of the VHF and Up stream
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73 and Good DX!
Dave Raycroft, VA3RJ
Home of ICPO: http://webhome.idirect.com/~va3rj/
DX Calendar - Contest Calendar - Lighthouse Activity & much more
Join ICPO e-Group: http://mailman.qth.net/mailman/listinfo/icpo
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Canadian Checkpoint For:
All Croatian Islands Award - ACIA
All Croatian Islands Award Group - ACIAG
The World Lighthouse Diplom - TWLHD/TWLHF
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